



## Winter Games of Texas January 18 - 20

The Winter Games of Texas are coming to Frisco! Make plans now to attend the exciting Celebration of Athletes and Winter Games Village on Saturday, January 19 at Fisd Memorial Stadium. The festivities kick off at 6:00 p.m. with the Winter Games Village featuring bounce houses, face painters, live entertainment and much more family fun!

The Celebration of Athletes Ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. with gates opening at 7:00 p.m. The Ceremony will include an athlete parade, past Olympians, live entertainment, fabulous fireworks and the lighting of the Games of Texas cauldron. Entrance is free to this event with the donation of a canned food or non-perishable item which will benefit Frisco Family Services.

It is not too late to register to participate in the 2008 Winter Games of

Texas. The Games will take place January 18 - 20. This multi-sport youth athletic event will feature 15 different sports played in venues throughout Frisco including: basketball, cheerleading, fencing, figure skating, flag football, gymnastics, ice hockey, judo, rock climbing, soccer, swimming, table tennis, volleyball and wrestling. Table tennis will be held January 12. Both table tennis and fencing will be taking place in the new Frisco Athletic Center.

For more information, or to register an athlete, please visit the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) website at [www.taaf.com](http://www.taaf.com) or call 877-GoFrisco.

The TAAF Winter Games of Texas are hosted by the Frisco Convention & Visitors Bureau in partnership with the City of Frisco Parks & Recreation Department and our many partners in Frisco.

## Catch some fun at *'Trick-a-Trout'*

Saturday, February 9

8:00 a.m. - kids only fishing

11:00 a.m. - general public fishing

Bring your kids and enjoy a FREE morning of fishing and family fun! The Frisco Parks & Recreation Department is releasing 2,000 Rainbow Trout in the pond at Frisco Commons Park, 8000 McKinney Road. The event is designed for kids. Make sure you bring your own bait, tackle and stringer!



## DADDY-DAUGHTER Dance

The 12th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 16 at the Frisco Conference Center located at 7600 John Q. Hammons Drive. Tickets for this popular event will go on sale online beginning January 12 at 8 a.m. Any remaining tickets may be purchased at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane, beginning January 19. Tickets are limited and will sell out quickly.

A fourth dance and expanded dance floor have been added to allow for more

dads and daughters to enjoy this special time together. The theme for 2008 is "Carousel of Dreams." Tickets are \$12 each. You must attend the dance time that you purchased your ticket for. The dance will feature live music, light snacks and professional portraits.

### Dance Times:

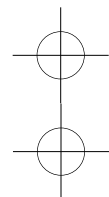
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Ages 4 - 5)

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. (Ages 6 - 7)

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Ages 8 - 9)

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Ages 10 - 12)

Those wishing to purchase tickets online this year must have a Password and Login ID prior to purchasing tickets. Look for more information regarding this event and how to purchase tickets online in the Winter Frisco Fun Guide available in December, and on our website at [www.FriscoFun.org](http://www.FriscoFun.org).



# FOCAL POINT



## Mayor's Message

Mike Simpson

## A holiday season you won't forget

One of our great family fun events that Frisco families look forward to every year is Merry Main Street and our annual Tree Lighting ceremony. December 1 will be a fun backed day in Historic Downtown Frisco and Frisco Square with events that will allow you to spend the entire day with your family. This holiday season will be packed with things to do and you will be reminded of all that Frisco does to keep a 'small town feel' with an emphasis on family fun.

### Merry Main Street-Saturday, December 1

This day will start with a sold out event at our new Frisco Athletic Center where children 12 and under will have a great time with Santa, Frosty and Rudolph as they enjoy a breakfast, have photo opportunities plus make holiday crafts that they can take home. Next is a full day of fun in our historic downtown on Main Street. Our goal has always been to link the older portion of downtown Frisco with Frisco Square and have people going back and forth to celebrate the season and have fun in the entire Main Street area.

### Historic Downtown Activities and Home Tour

The party starts at 10 a.m. in the parking area behind the old City Hall with a large number of businesses selling their products, crafts, food items and presenting many great ideas for the holidays. It is called "Merry Market off Main Street". Businesses in historic downtown will provide many things for the family to do. Caroling, caricatures, face painting are among the featured activities. Check out homemade bird houses or decorate horseshoes for special children. Other businesses will serve hot chocolate, provide cards to send to soldiers serving overseas, help you build gingerbread houses and invite to you take photos with Santa. Stroll up and down Main Street and take part in all the festivities.

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## Two, 150+ year old graves discovered during road construction project

*City engineers preserve past and help relocate remains to historical family cemetery*

BY DANA BAIRD

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Two years ago, Michael Bulla started planning a homecoming, of sorts. In 2005, the City of Frisco engineer was working to install a water line near Panther Creek when he made a historical discovery and confirmed what some suspected for decades.

"In rural areas of Frisco, you never know what's out there, what's underground," said Bulla, special projects manager. "You just have to deal with it and make sure you take care of it the right way."

Tucked beneath brush, overgrown alongside a line of Hackberry trees, Bulla found two small, broken headstones. The marble markers indicated two boys were buried there.

"I was taken aback that this has remained somewhat untouched for 150 years. We had a little piece of history pretty close to downtown Frisco."

With that, the construction of future Legacy Drive and Panther Creek Parkway would have to work around historical preservation. The City of Frisco contacted an archeologist. Plano-based Geo-Marine, Incorporated contacted the Texas Historical Commission about the city's intentions. Upon receiving state approval in May of this year, archeologists began digging, one inch at

a time. Once archeologists located the boys' remains, they turned off their equipment and started digging by hand. It took five days to uncover the remains of James Marshall Bates and his brother George Wright Bates. James died in 1853; George died in 1858. Both boys were 13 when they passed. Archeologists suspect meningitis or tuberculosis claimed the young lives.

"I was delighted to know they were going to be moved instead of being bulldozed over," said Bob Storrie, a descendent. "It's time they were given a proper burial."

On November 2, a dozen people, including descendants, longtime church members and a couple history buffs, gathered at the historic Oak Grove Cemetery, located south of the intersection of F.M. 720 and U.S. 380 in Frisco. The boys were being reburied at Oak Grove not because of the dates on their headstones, but because of the name. The brothers were sons of Reverend William Edmunds Bates, who helped establish Methodist churches in southeast Denton County in the 1800s, including Oak Grove Methodist Church.

In the shade of an old oak tree, two cedar caskets, bearing the brothers' initials, sat side by side. A small spray of red carnations adorned the coffins and an antique bible, once belonging to the Reverend Bates himself, balanced on a wooden pedestal. Bulla watched with intrigue – the same intrigue, which inspired him to handcraft the caskets himself.

"I saw the archeologists digging there and doing so much, I felt compelled to do my part, too."



Oak Grove's Reverend Judy Brandt presided over the small service. Following The Lord's Prayer, descendants shared words of thanks for the patience City of Frisco engineers practiced on this road construction project.

"I'm really proud that the City of Frisco did what they did," said David Storrie, Bates' descendent. "I'm proud that the people here (in Frisco) are that way and that we could bring them back to be reburied with their mother and dad."

[www.FriscoMerryMainStreet.com](http://www.FriscoMerryMainStreet.com)



The City of Frisco has launched a new Web page to give you one place to find out more about city-sponsored holiday events. Check out [www.friscomerrymainstreet.com](http://www.friscomerrymainstreet.com) and get information about Frisco's signature holiday event, Merry Main Street. The 17th Annual Merry Main Street celebration happens on Saturday, December 1, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center and City Hall Plaza.

Don't let parking problems turn the festive night into a bah humbug. The Web page explains where you can park and catch a shuttle bus to the event.

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# TEENS TAKING charge



The Mayor's Youth Council met on November 13 to elect their 2007 - 2008 officers. Pictured left to right: Mayor Mike Simpson; Sarah Lusher – Secretary, Liberty High School; Abby Coppinger, Communications Officer, Frisco High School; Paul Lee, President, Wakeland High School; Magan Marder, Vice President, Centennial High School; Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Joyner

Cheerleading, theater arts, debate, athletics – they are all typical activities for high school students. 33 Frisco teens can add another, unique accomplishment to add to their resumes. They are involved in the 2007 – 2008 Mayor's Youth Council. This is the second year for the program which has student representatives from the four Frisco high schools, Legacy Christian Academy, and Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas. The Mayor's Youth Council formed in January

2006 as a way to get teens more involved in city government. The students are encouraged to make proposals for projects that can improve Frisco.

"I want to know what's going on in the environment I'm living in," said Paul Lee, senior at Wakeland High School and newly elected president of the Mayor's Youth Council. "It's so great that the mayor and council want to get youth involved and want input from the youth."

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Also starting at 10 a.m. will be the Heritage Association of Frisco's 2007 Home Tour of eight homes built between 1902 and 1924. Not only will you enjoy the tour, but hot cider, gingerbread and entertainment will be served. Your tour ticket will also get you a free desert at the Abbey Restaurant.

Bus service will be available from the historic downtown to the Frisco Square area where Merry Main Street and Tree Lighting will be held at City Hall Plaza. For more details, go to [www.merrymainstreet.org](http://www.merrymainstreet.org)

### Merry Main Street & the Tree Lighting Ceremony-Frisco Square and the City Hall Plaza

City Hall Plaza in Frisco Square will be packed with fun for the rest of the evening. This year, the Tree Lighting ceremony starts at 6 p.m. The actual lighting will occur about 6:20 on the Plaza. We moved the ceremony to accommodate families with young children. Having the ceremony earlier allows everyone to enjoy the tree lighting. Be there and enjoy the tree lighting and the many lights synchronized to carols throughout Frisco Square. Families will enjoy school choirs performing, Santa's Workshop, carriage rides, the Kids Holiday Store, live reindeer, toy soldiers on stilts, Scrooge, the Festival of Trees and the Gingerbread House displays, just to name a few things. Favorites like the Frisco Express Train Ride, Santa's Workshop, the ice sculptor and pictures with Santa are returning

family favorites. Go to [www.friscomerrymainstreet.com](http://www.friscomerrymainstreet.com) for complete details.

### Christmas on the Square- November 23 –January 2- 40 Days of Fun at Frisco Square

The holiday fun continues the entire month of December at Frisco Square and City Hall Plaza. Frisco Square Buildings and the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center (City Hall/Library) are decked in lights synchronized to music and will 'dance' nightly. On the weekends, Frisco Square will offer several activities including snow machines, carriage rides, bounce houses, Santa's Gift Shop and rock climbing. On Saturday nights you can also see free movies like Polar Express, Prancer and the Christmas Story. This year a new model railroad train display will be a big hit. For all the details on events ending January 1, go to [www.friscosquare.com](http://www.friscosquare.com)

### December 8-Frisco Frosty 5K and the Merry 1K plus Santa Skate

Another fun event for the family is the Frosty 5K run and the Merry 1K. This takes place at the City Hall Plaza. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. Later that evening, go to the Dr Pepper Stars Center and skate with Santa. Admission includes a drink, hot dog, chips and skate rental.

### Holiday Lights at Frisco Fire Safety Town

A brand new event kicks off mid December.

## Visit us on the Web!

Looking for detailed information about a City of Frisco service or event?

Check out [friscotexas.gov](http://friscotexas.gov), your complete guide to the city government.

Look for the latest alerts and press releases on the home page, or sign up to receive City of Frisco news to your email address.

To subscribe, go to the home page and click on 'E-News'.

Holiday Lights at Frisco Fire Safety Town will feature the entire miniature townscape decorated in lights. Stroll through safety town or enjoy holiday crafts. This new event starts on December 13 and runs until December 23.

### Frisco Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Public Library is extending its book sale an extra day so you can shop for books and other merchandise that make great gifts for the holidays. More than 5,000 books and other items will be available on the 4th floor of the Library in the Vivian McCallum room.

How can this not be a fun time for our Frisco families? There is something for everyone. Please make sure you attend the December 1st festivities in historic downtown and at City Hall Plaza in Frisco Square. Remember, the Tree Lighting is at the beginning of the evening, starting at 6 p.m. The actual tree lighting is scheduled for 6:20.

My wife Sandy and I, along with our City Council members, city staff and all our families wish you a happy holiday season and hope you have a healthy and happy year in 2008. This will be a special year for Sandy and I as we will celebrate our last Merry Main Street during my term as Mayor. It will be a special time that we will never forget and I hope you and your family will be there to join us

Sincerely,  
Mike Simpson  
Mayor

# FRISCO HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

**17th Annual Merry Main Street**  
**Date:** Saturday, December 1  
**Time:** 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
**Place:** George A. Purefoy Municipal Center/City Hall Plaza  
 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.  
 Thousands of lights, school choirs, horse-drawn carriage rides, the 'Kids' Holiday Store, live reindeer, and pictures with Santa: it's quite a list and only a few of the activities at this year's holiday event. The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony happens early than in previous years, starting at 6 p.m. sharp.  
 Check out [www.friscomerrymainstreet.com](http://www.friscomerrymainstreet.com) for details on parking and shuttle bus service.

**Frisko's Frosty 5K & Merry 1K**  
**Date:** Saturday, December 8  
**Time:** 8 a.m.  
**Place:** City Hall Plaza/Frisco Square  
 Bring the whole family out and join Frosty & friends for a winter fun run. Look for event details and registration at [friscofun.org](http://friscofun.org).

**Santa Skate**  
**Date:** Saturday, December 8  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.,  
 or 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
**Location:** Dr Pepper Star Center  
 2601 Avenue of the Stars  
**Tickets:** \$27 per family (limit 5)  
 \$9 individual  
 Enjoy a festive night of ice skating with Santa and friends. Tickets to this popular event are limited and won't be sold at the door.

**Holiday at Frisco Fire Safety Town**  
 The very first Holiday at Frisco Fire Safety Town runs from December 13 through December 23, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. nightly. Bring the family and walk through our outdoor town to see each of the miniature buildings decorated for the holiday season. The event is free to the public. Call 972-292-6300 for more information.

For information on all City of Frisco holiday events go online to [friscofun.org](http://friscofun.org) or call 972-292-6600



## HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

### December 3

- Frisco Public Arts Board Meeting, Conference Room 5A, 6:30 p.m.

### December 4

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

### December 10

- Frisco Square Municipal Management District Meeting, Conference Room 3A, 4:30 p.m.

### December 11

- Downtown Advisory Board, 5th Floor Conference Room, 12 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.

### December 12

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12 p.m.
- Arts of Collin County (ACC), City of Allen 4 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- Urban Forestry Board, 6726 Walnut St., 6:30 p.m.

### December 13

- Parks and Recreation Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

### December 17

- Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Department, 7:30 p.m.

### December 18

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

### December 19

- Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting (EDC), 6801 Gaylord Parkway, 6 p.m.

### December 20

- Community Development Corporation (CDC) Meeting, Conference Room 3A, 6:30 p.m.

### December 26

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.

### December 27

- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown Street, Wylie, TX. 4 p.m.
- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Programming Room, 6:45 p.m.

## Stock up at the 'Friends' Merry book sale

The Friends of the Frisco Public Library will hold their annual Merry Book Sale, at the Frisco Public Library, on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday. "We're going to have a wide range of books for children and adults," states Elizabeth Chase, Librarian, "and they'll all be available at excellent prices."

In addition to the used books, there will be new books and gift items as well. Most used books will be priced between 50 cents and two dollars. New and rare items will be individually marked.

Don't miss this opportunity to get great books at great prices while benefiting your library! The Frisco Public Library is located at 6101 Frisco Square Blvd. The sale will be held in the McCallum Room on the 4th floor of City Hall. For more information, call the library at 972-292-5669.

Due to Merry Main Street activities, Library access will be limited this day. Check with the Library for more information.

## Parks & Recreation Department opens two new facilities to the public



On October 27, the Frisco City Council, Parks and Recreation staff and board members cut the ceremonial ribbon in front of the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane. Many membership options are available. Go online to [www.FriscoFun.org](http://www.FriscoFun.org) for information about prices and programs.



Linda Bruce and Ralph Leigh celebrate the Senior Center at Frisco Square Phase II expansion by playing a little pool. The facility held an open house on November 12. The nearly 7,000 square foot addition includes and aerobics and dance studio; a craft room, a Heritage Room for cards, a billiards and table tennis room; and a state-of-the-art fitness room. The center is open to senior adults 50 and older. For more information call 972-292-6550.

# ‘Deck the Halls’ the safe way

The Frisco Fire Department would like to offer the following safety tips to make your holiday season as safe and enjoyable as possible:

- When selecting a Christmas tree, always choose one that is as fresh as possible. A fresh tree should not lose many needles when the trunk is tapped on the ground. Another test of freshness is to grasp a branch of the tree between the thumb and index finger and pull towards you. Very few needles should come off if the tree is fresh.

- Once the tree has been selected, cut one inch from the bottom of the trunk to help the tree absorb water. This should be done prior to any decorations being added. The tree stand used should have at least a one-gallon capacity. A six-foot tree will use one gallon of water every two days; however, be sure to check the water level every day.

- Keep the tree in a protected area outside away from the wind and sun until you are ready to bring it in and decorate it. Secure the tree well so that it won't tip over once inside. Keep the tree away from floor heaters, fireplaces, vents, and other heat sources.

- Use only lights approved by Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) and never connect more than three strands together. Use miniature lights as they have cool-burning bulbs. Never use real candles on a tree, even an artificial one. Check the light strings for missing bulbs, cracked insulation, or broken sockets. Be sure to turn off all Christmas lights when you leave home or while you are sleeping.

Congratulations to the graduates of Citizen's Fire Academy Class No. 20. Fire Chief Mack Borchardt presented the participants with their certificates on November 8, 2007.

## CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY graduates

### Community Emergency Response Team

Congratulations are also in order to those who completed Class No. 12 of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. This important program is designed to better prepare citizens to respond to disasters and other emergencies within their immediate neighborhoods. Course completion certificates were presented to the participants on November 5, 2007.

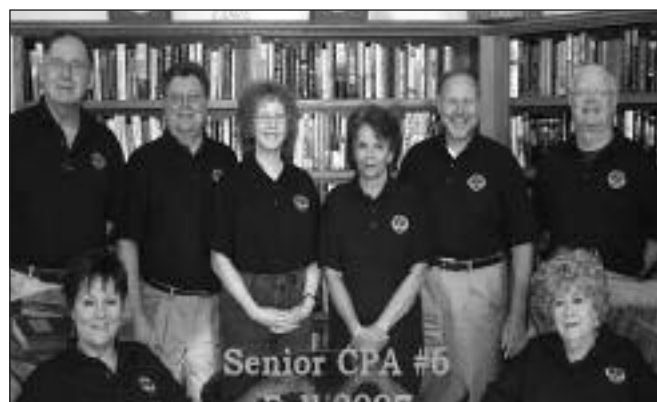


**Pictured above,** back row left to right: Luis Boy, Nicholas Lopez, Robert Held, Charles Whitson, Cody Caudill, Roy Mallon, Ryan Sheehan Second row: Ann Hicks, LaDonna Peek, Tracyne Heldman, Wilna Mallon, Sara Petroff Front row: Veronica Boy, Mary Jones, David Roy.



**Pictured left,** back row L - R: Chief Mack Borchardt, Firefighter Michael Trimmer, Greg Mixon, Tracie Hicks, Gabriel Guerra, Ken Hennard, Doug Pittenger, Nick Lopez, Joe McGovern, Firefighter Jake Leeper, Allen Biehl, Battalion Chief Shaw Eft. Front Row L - R: Steven Gilbert, Holly Stone, Sara Thacker, Jay Erickson, Stacey Reed.

## Citizen Police Academy graduates



The Senior Citizen Police Academy (SRCPA) had eight participants graduate on November 13. Pictured front row, L to R: Peggy Kendall, Rhoda Leitner. Back row, L to R: Art Kendall, Jon Regel, Sandra St. Martin, Marianne Riberich, Paul Schaub, Ron McCoy.



The 23 members of the Frisco Citizen Police Academy (CPA) #22 graduated on November 15. Pictured front row, l to r: Officer Glynda Covington, Jennifer Ellis, Pat Rankin, Bob Carr, Lauren Slone, Michael Stewart, Rebecca Carroll, Claudia Holcomb, Glenda Marquina, Noel Johnston, Len Henderson. Back row, l to r: Cathy Luetje, Wendall Clark, EJ McEwen, Chris Carson, Brandon Quimbey, Lars Elander, Adam Williams, James Holcomb, Terri Self, Larry Murphy, Susan Murphy, Earl Winters.

## Pack safety, common sense when you hit the road

According to the National Transportation Safety Board, the time period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is the most dangerous for those traveling on U.S. roadways. Unfamiliar roads, varying road and weather conditions, and fatigue all contribute to vehicle accidents. Before heading out, here are some resources you may need while on the road this holiday season.

- For information on Texas road conditions

call 1-800-452-9292

- The Texas Department of Public Safety has a toll free number for motorists to contact for non-emergency roadside assistance: 1-800-525-5555. The number is printed on the back of most driver licenses. Please be aware that DPS does not send out a tow truck at the state's expense. They will either come assist you or refer you to the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

- Customers of participating wireless companies: ALL TEL, Nextel, Cingular Wireless, and Verizon Wireless can call \*DPS (\*377) free of airtime charges anywhere in Texas, and receive roadside assistance for non-emergency situations.

### If you break down...

- Remain calm
- Stay with your vehicle if possible. Do not

get out of your vehicle in the middle of freeway traffic

- Pull off the freeway (if possible)
- If you have a cell phone, call for assistance
- Display distress signal (flashers, sign or white cloth)
- Do not attempt to change a flat tire in a moving lane of traffic

## TRASH AND RECYCLING SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES	DATE	ENVIRONMENT COLLECTION CENTER
Regular services	Christmas Eve (Mon. 12/24)	Closed
No collection provided	Christmas Day (Tues. 12/25)	Closed
No collection provided	New Year's Day (Tues., 1/1)	Closed

If your regularly scheduled pick up day falls on or after a holiday, your service will be provided one day later. For example, during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's, Tuesday's scheduled pick up moves to Wednesday, and Wednesdays to Thursday.

## New rules for 'Do-It-Yourself' trash disposal

If you are planning to use the Custer Road Transfer Station, 9901 Custer Road, be sure to follow these guidelines

- Loads must arrive in a passenger vehicle or pick-up truck
- Trailers of any size are acceptable as long as they are towed behind a passenger vehicle or pick up truck.
- Rental trucks from Lowes or Home Depot are also acceptable
- Visits Limited to two-times per month, ID required including, valid Texas driver's license

and current, original City of Frisco water bill (no copies accepted)

- All items must be covered with a tarp in accordance with state law.

Please note: Stake bed, box trucks and flat bed trucks are not acceptable. These must go to 121 RDF and are subject to a charge. To avoid drop off charges, contact Environmental Services. A letter will be provided to resident's waiving these costs. (Visits limited to two times per month, with required ID)

## Wishing you a very merry 'waterwise' holiday



Normal winter weather conditions and rainfall replace the need for supplemental watering, so Professor Waterwise recommends turning off your sprinkler system controller. Plants and landscapes require very little or no water this season.

Applying extra water to an already dormant turf is water waste and can create potentially hazardous conditions for our streets and sidewalks when temperatures reach freezing.

Give your lawn a gift this season! Consider replacing your automatic sprinkler system controller with a weather-based (or ET) controller. ET controllers adjust irrigation schedules by tracking changes in temperature, solar radiation, wind speed and relative humidity (all factors that affect the amount of moisture absorbed into the atmosphere through evaporation from the soil and transpiration from plant surfaces).

New homes in the City of Frisco are required to have an ET controller and are eligible for the ET Controller Program. If you do not already have this technology for your lawn, you may be eligible for a one-time, \$100 rebate for retrofitting your existing controller.

The ET Controller Program is a new city program that allows you to annually register your ET controller through a \$25 inspection fee. You will receive an irrigation evaluation, programming recommendations and a yard sign.

If you have any questions about the ET Controller Program call Melody Emadiazar, Water Education Coordinator, at 972-292-5814 or check [www.friscotexas.gov/water](http://www.friscotexas.gov/water) for more details.

## Rufus around town

Cub Scout Pack 416 Webelos 2, got the inside scoop on environmental conservation and recycling with a visit to the Frisco Environmental Collection Center.

They toured the facility, learning about all the different items which are recycled and properly disposed of in Frisco.

The Scouts even did their part to keep Frisco clean by participating in a street clean up.



## PINK GOES green

On October 31, Pink Elementary had its first paperless work day. Students from Kindergarten through 5th grade were thinking outside the box and doing activities that did not rely on paper and pencil.

"As teachers, sometime we rely on the paper and pencil a little too much, and this was a great opportunity to gives kids a hands-on learning day," said Becca Robinson, Kindergarten teacher and Pink's Recycling Coordinator. "It does something great for the environment at the same time."

As a result of this paperless work day, Pink Elementary saved approximately 2600 pieces of paper, including copy paper, spiral notebooks and construction paper.

This paperless work day is part of the school's recycling program called "Pink Goes Green." "Pink Goes Green" is responsible for the weekly recycling collection and a school-wide walking program called "Walking Wednesdays".



Mrs. Joy's 2nd grade class did math equations using shaving cream instead of paper on Paperless Work Day at Pink Elementary.

## Christmas tree recycling

The city of Frisco Environmental Services Division provides a recycling service for Christmas trees. In order to have your tree recycled, place the tree three feet away from trash and recycling carts on your regular collection day.

Remove all supports – metal and wood, electrical wiring, lights, tinsel and ornaments. Do not cover the tree with a plastic bag. That will prevent pick up. All trees are composted. They are not placed in the landfill.

Please be advised that flocked trees are no longer accepted in the City of Frisco recycling program. The chemical component found in flocking material cannot be composted.

However, CWD will provide a flocked tree service. A \$10 charge per flocked tree will apply. Call 972-392-9300 to arrange pick up. For more information, go to [www.friscotexas.gov/recycle](http://www.friscotexas.gov/recycle).

# Monthly Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to [friscotexas.gov](http://friscotexas.gov). Click on the **Departments** tab. Then choose **Engineering**. Next, click on **Construction**, and then **Project Update**.

## 1 CR 712 (Frisco St - North County)

Scope: Construct 4 lane roadway (Frisco St - RR Crossing) and 2 lane roadway (RR Crossing - North County)

Est. completion of design is November 2007

## 2 DNT Phase 3 Section XI-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Gaylord Parkway to Platinum Parkway.

Open to traffic September 2007.

## 3 DNT Phase 3 Section XII-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from north of Eldorado Parkway to US 380. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Eldorado Parkway to US 380.

Open to traffic September 2007.

## 4 DNT Phase 3 Section XII-S

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Platinum Parkway to north of Eldorado Parkway. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Main Street to Eldorado Parkway.

Open to traffic September 2007.

## 5 Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - Preston)

Scope: Construct the northern two lanes. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six lane roadway with median and includes three lanes of the overpass at the BNSF RR. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project.

Est. completion of design is end of November 2007

## 6 FM 2934/Eldorado Pkwy (FM 423 - DNT)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median.

Est. start of construction: Spring 2008

## 7 FM 3537 Improvements (Preston - Custer)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median.

Estimated completion of design is October 2008.

## 8 FM 423 Improvements (Stewart Creek - Eldorado)

Scope: Replace existing two-

lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median.

Estimated start of construction: December 2008

## 9 FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado Pkwy - US 380)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median.

Estimated start of construction: December 2009

## 10 Independence Parkway (SH 121 - Main St.)

Scope: Construct the western two lanes of Independence Parkway from SH 121 to Rolater and four lanes from Rolater to Main Street. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six lane divided roadway.

Estimated completion of construction is March 2008.

## 11 Lebanon (FM 423 - Presidents)

Scope: Construct the southern two lanes of Lebanon Road from Village to FM 423 including a three-lane bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway.

Estimated start of construction is January 2008.

## 12 Legacy Drive (Citation - Main)

Scope: Construct the eastern three lanes. This will provide a six-lane roadway in this section. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Design complete. Estimated start of paving is November 2007.

Estimated end of construction is March 2008.

## 13 Ohio Overpass (SH 121)

Scope: Ohio Drive Overpass at SH 121

Estimtaed TxDOT completion of construction is December 2007.

## 14 Panther Creek Parkway (Teel - DNT)

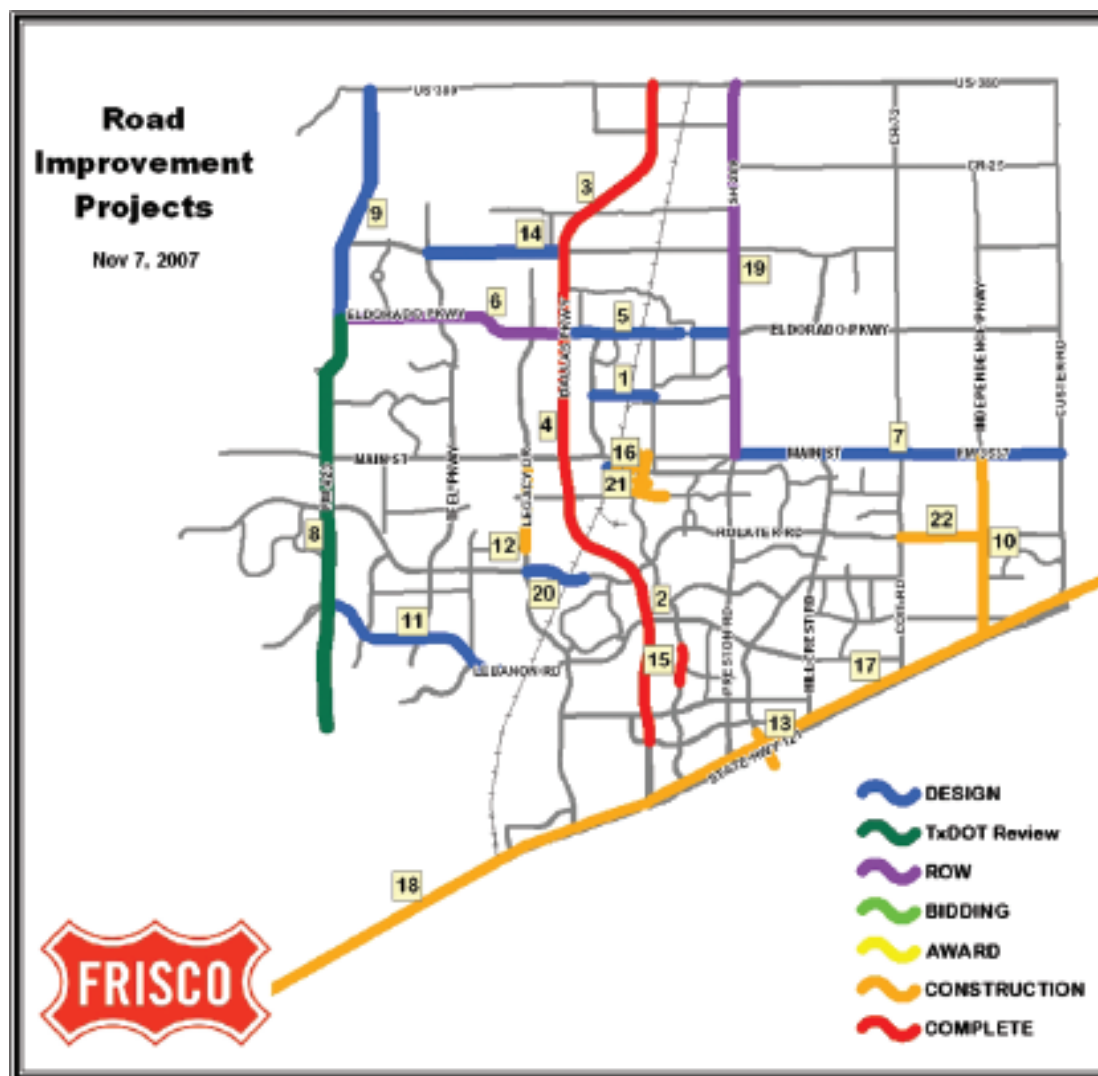
Scope: Construction of a four-lane, divided roadway including landscape, irrigation, and street lighting. Extend four lanes of Legacy Drive to connect with Panther Creek Parkway.

Estimated completion of design is November 2007. Construction to begin January 2008 and to be complete by August 2008.

## 15 Parkwood Drive (Lebanon - Warren)

Scope: Construction of the two western (southbound) lanes including landscape, irrigation, and street lighting.

Project completed October 2007



## 16 Selected Old Town Streets

Scope: Reconstruction of the following streets to concrete with curb and gutter:

- First Street (West Main south to Ash) - Est. completion July 2008.

- Third (Oak north to Maple) - Est. completion November 2007

- Third (Main south to Ash) - Est. completion July 2008

- Fourth (Oak north to Maple) - Est. completion November 2007

- Sixth (Oak north to Maple) - Est. completion November 2007

- Sixth (Elm south to Hickory) - Est. completion February 2008

- Pecan (Fifth to Seventh) - Est. completion February 2008

- Hickory (Fifth to Courtyard Dr) - Est. completion February 2008

## 17 SH 121 Freeway (DNT - Hillcrest)

Scope: Construct main lanes on SH 121 from Dallas North Tollway to Hillcrest.

Est. completion of construction is February 2008.

## 18 SH 121 Freeway (FM 544 - DNT)

Scope: Construct six main lanes and six lanes of frontage roads from FM 544 to Dallas North Tollway.

Est. completion of construction is early 2008.

## 19 SH 289/Preston Road (Main - US 380)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. Two million dollars of the City of Frisco's four and a half million dollar participation in this project pays for the previous construction of Preston Road south of Main Street.

Currently, land is being acquired for the road widening.

Estimated start of construction is mid-2008.

## 20 Stonebrook Parkway (Legacy - Longhorn)

Scope: Construct four lanes with an underpass at the BNSF RR and a bridge at Stewart Creek. Project includes federal

wetland permits & environmental coordination.

Estimated completion of design is June 2008 and permitting is May 2009.

## 21 Frisco Square Boulevard (Railroad Crossing)

Scope: Street Connection of Frisco Square Blvd. across the railroad tracks from Cook Street to West Main Street. This is Phase Two of the Frisco Square street improvements.

Estimated start of construction is May 2008.

## 22 Rolater (Coit - Independence)

Scope: Construct a four-lane, divided roadway, which will replace the existing dirt road.

Construction began November 2007.

## 23 City Hall Parking Garage (Behind City Hall Bldg.)

Scope: Construct a three-to-four story parking structure to accommodate roughly 500 cars.

Estimated start of construction is June 2008.

Here are some of the sights you may have missed during recent city events. You can also view more photos online through our updated Citizens Scrapbook. Go to [www.frisco-texas.gov](http://www.frisco-texas.gov), click on the Communications tab and then choose Citizens Scrapbook from the menu.

### Frisco Fire Safety Town Fall Festival

More than 8,000 had a frighteningly good time at the first **Frisco Fire Safety Town Fall Festival** on October 26. Children filled their goody bags by trick-or-treating door-to-door at FFST's miniature buildings. One of the most popular costumes should be no surprise – many little firefighters filled the streets of Frisco Fire Safety Town.

### Harold Bacchus Community Park dedication

November 3 was a proud day as city leaders dedicated the Harold Bacchus Community Park, located at 13995 FM 3537 (Main Street, near Independence Parkway). Mr. Bacchus and his family attended the dedication. He holds the distinction of Frisco's longest serving mayor, holding the office from 1966 to 1978.

### Frisco Community Parade

The Frisco Community Parade marched down Main Street on November 10, honoring American troops past and present. Congressman Sam Johnson, a former POW, served as Grand Marshal. The parade featured several high school and community organizations showing their Frisco pride.



# what's HAPPENING around town

